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## AUGUST 27th

### Definite Date for Senator Robt. L. Taylor.

### Postponement of Louisa Date from June 16th to the Last Saturday in August Decided Upon.

Senator Robt. L. Taylor will be at Louisa August 27th instead of June 16th.

As briefly announced in the News last week at the last moment before going to press, Mr. Taylor was compelled to cancel or postpone the engagement advertised so extensively for the 16th. The efforts of the local committee failed to have the engagement for the 14th kept.

It was not until Tuesday of this week that the matter was definitely settled. The announcement was then received that Mr. Taylor would positively appear in Louisa on Saturday, August 27th.

The following letter throws considerable light upon the situation and will be read with interest by the public:

#### UNITED STATES SENATE.

Washington, D. C., June 8, 1910.

Hon. John W. Langley,  
Cattlettsburg.

My dear Langley:  
Since writing you yesterday, conditions have developed that render it absolutely impossible for me to go to Louisa on the 16th, and so I wired you today I regret it more than you do for above all things I abhor the cancellation of an engagement. I wanted to go not only for the pleasure that was in it for me, but because I had promised you without condition to make the address, and because I wanted to see you in your own country, but a matter of life and death with me personally steps in between me and my cherished wish and compels me to throw myself upon your mercy and charity of your people. I will explain when I meet you. You must not be too mad to meet me and hear me. Nothing but the most vital reason could prevent me from fulfilling that engagement. I would not break it a thousand dollars, but ten and are involved. I hope you do not consider that I have deceived and willfully broken a promise.

Always your friend,  
ROBT. L. TAYLOR.

For Taylor will devote August 26th and 27th to the Big Valley, lecturing at Pikeville, Me and Louisa.

This postponement is a disappointment. It could have been avoided and our people will be in a situation in the proper days look forward to Mr. Taylor's appearance with eagerness.

Ky. Text Book Commission.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, has appointed the members of the Kentucky Text Book Commission for the state, which he is authorized to do under the new school law. The local county list follows: Boyd, J. A. Leach; Greenup, Annie M. Davidson; Johnson, W. E. Daniels; Knott, A. E. Smith; Lawrence, E. Kennison; Magoffin, J. S. Adams; Martin, W. B. Ward; Morgan, C. H. Poague; Pike, Rush Atkins.

The name of the member for the county does not appear in published list.

Were Wedded Wednesday.

Workman and Miss Nellie, both of Port Gay, were at his residence by the E. Reynolds, Wednesday. The bride a very pretty daughter of Ed Reynolds, and granddaughter of the late minister. The groom is a very worthy

### Rules Important to Teachers.

The State Superintendent in a circular letter to county superintendents has made some rulings which are of importance to teachers and trustees. They are as follows:

Applicants cannot take the examination in one county and have the papers forwarded to another county for grading, except State Normal pupils in counties where these schools are located.

All applicants for certificates must be eighteen years old before the examination is held. If the applicant becomes eighteen afterward he should not be permitted to enter. The county superintendent should revoke the certificate of all who fail to attend the full session of the institute.

The law does not say you "may" revoke, it says you "shall" revoke.

All teachers whether principals or assistants, who teach in a district or subdistrict having seventy-five or more pupil children, should hold certificates of the first class; and every sub district reporting more than one hundred pupils must employ two teachers for the full term of six months, or they cannot be apportioned the per capita on more than one hundred.

All teachers in graded schools must hold first class certificates.

It is earnestly desired that all teachers and trustees will clip this article out of the paper and retain it for reference.

### Won the Medal.

"I won the art medal," were the words sent by wire to her parents on Monday, by Miss Shirley C. Burns, who graduated this week from a well known Cincinnati school. She won in a class of 25. Miss Shirley has become very proficient in painting, especially in the decoration of china. Her family and friends are delighted to hear of her distinction.

### LOST AN ARM.

### Milt Dixon, a 14-Year-Old Orphan, Has a Bad Accident.

The first hunting accident of the season occurred on Brushy fork of Big Blaine on Saturday last. Milton Dixon, a lad of fourteen years, attempted to climb a fence with a loaded gun in one hand. The usual result followed. The lock of the gun struck the fence and the gun was discharged, carrying away the right hand and wrist, leaving nothing but a shred of flesh. The boy was carried home and Drs. Hays and Gambill amputated the mangled arm just below the elbow. The lad is said to be doing nicely.

### Wants Heavy Damages.

Henry C. Herndon, of Ashland, deputy United States Revenue Collector, well known in this city, who was injured in Mayville last September by falling through an open shaft while visiting the cigar factory of John T. Smith on official business in the Dodson building, has filed suit for \$15,000 damages against Oms Dodson, owner of the building, in the Mason Circuit Court.

### Better Keep Dry.

The new law which provides a penalty for drinking any form of malted-juice on a railroad train in this state goes into effect this week. It is made the duty of the conductor of any train on which such an offense is committed to arrest the offender and turn him over to the civil authorities of the county in which the offense committed.

### M. E. Church Sunday School.

The M. E. church was packed to the doors and the sidewalk Sunday night by the friends of the children of the Sunday school. An appropriate variety of exercises was presented and rendered.

The family of Frank Wender is now occupying the handsomely furnished building on the corner of Washington and Franklin streets.

### A \$30,000 Verdict.

The case of the Ohio & Kentucky Railway Company vs. United Fidelity and Guaranty Company, which has been on trial in the United States Circuit Court at Catlettsburg for the past ten days, was, after argument to the jury by Hon. John J. Montague, of Catlettsburg, and J. L. Bennett, of Chicago, on behalf of defendant, and by Messrs. Hager & Stewart, of Ashland on behalf of the plaintiff, submitted to the jury under charge of Judge A. M. J. Cochran, at three o'clock Thursday afternoon; and the jury, after a very brief retirement, returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$30,126.66, the full amount demanded and sued for.

This case has been on the docket for quite awhile and grew out of the failure of the C. E. Loss & Company, contractors for tunnel and other work on a section of the Ohio & Kentucky road in Morgan, Wolf and Breathitt counties; the contractors executing guaranty bond in the penal sum of \$20,000. After default in the execution of the contract, upon failure of the surety to undertake its completion the contracting firm of Mason-Hoge & Co., at Frankfort, were employed to and did complete the work.

The Guarantee Company defended upon the ground that it was released as surety by failure of the Railroad Company to observe certain duties toward the contractor and the surety, and in particular because of the execution of the new agreement for completion of the work. The whole account was at issue and involved every stage of proceedings from the beginning. The evidence in the way of contracts, exhibits, payrolls, estimates and other related data, was perhaps the most voluminous ever submitted to a jury in the state, quite a trunkful of such matter being in evidence before the jury. It took nearly two days to read one deposition taken in the case for the plaintiff, being three hundred and sixty-two typewritten pages, with one hundred and ten exhibits making probably five thousand pages.

The Railroad Company had paid in construction to and on account of Loss & Company more than \$10,000 in excess of the \$20,000 mentioned in the bond.—Ashland Independent.

### Mrs. Winnie Baker Dead.

Mrs. Winnie Baker, formerly of Fort Gay, died in Ashland on Sunday last after a brief illness caused by a complication of troubles. She was 67 years of age and is survived by five sons, Lindsey, William, Nathan, John and Morgan, and one daughter, Elizabeth.

The remains were taken to the old home at Fort Gay, where the funeral services were held, and were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. Mr. Copley. The remains were laid to rest beside her husband who passed away two years ago. The family and many friends accompanied the body to its last resting place.

### Killed by Falling Slate.

Mat Newsom, a 19 year old boy from Johnson county, was instantly killed by falling slate while working in the mines of the Preston Coal Co., at Alton, Pike county, Monday morning. The body was badly crushed when removed from under the mass of slate. The inquest was held by Coroner T. J. Bentley at eleven o'clock Tuesday and the body was buried in the cemetery near that place in the afternoon.

### Expensive Insect.

"Allowing for time lost by sickness, expense for medical treatment, etc., typhoid alone, for which the fly is so largely responsible, costs the people of the United States \$250,000,000 annually," says Dr. G. M. Kober, Washington, D. C.

### Swat the Fly!

### Fred Vinson Honored.

The faculty of Central University, Danville, at a meeting held last week appointed Fred Vinson, of this city, student assistant to the professor of History. He will perform his duties in connection with his senior law studies.

## A GOOD WELL.

### Lick Creek Is Now on the Local Oil Map.

### The Chapman Well Near Louisa Makes a Fine Showing and Promises Excellent Results.

The Lick creek well on the John R. Chapman farm, four and a half miles southwest of Louisa, was shot last Monday afternoon with a charge of fifty quarts of nitroglycerine. The work of cleaning out the well is now in progress. The preliminary tests made on this well indicate that it is the best well thus far drilled in this field. The lease is owned by the Damron Oil Company, composed largely of Huntington, Ashland and Catlettsburg stockholders, with a few Louisa parties interested. The lease embraces 300 acres and was secured from the Louisa Coal Company. Wayne Damron, a native of Louisa, is president of the company.

The Guyan Oil Company's well on the Garred farm nine miles southwest of Louisa has reached a depth of nearly 3000 feet, and the drilling is still going on. No reports have been given out on this well.

We are informed that an item in last week's News was incorrect in regard to the ownership of the land on which the dry well on Lower Three Mile was recently drilled, and a correction is hereby made.

The third Smith well on the waters of Three Mile will be drilled in within the next few days, it is said.

### With Much Honor.

Linsy Otto Thompson and Grover Cleveland Thompson, the sons of J. F. Thompson, of Lawrence county, who have been students at the State University of Kentucky, were graduated from that institution on June 2, 1910, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The Thompson boys made an enviable record at State University as is evidenced by the fact that they completed the required two years work in only one year.

They secured the license to practice their profession from the Fayette Circuit Court on May 20, 1910, after passing one of the hardest examinations ever given by that court. And on June 2, 1910, at Frankfort, Ky., they were admitted to practice in the Court of Appeals of this Commonwealth.

They received their Academic education at the Southern Normal School, Bowling Green, Ky., graduating from that institution in 1907 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After graduating from Bowling Green they taught in the South during the school years of 1907-8 and 1908-9.

As students of State University they stood among the leaders of their class, recognized by all with whom they came in contact, as the most energetic students in the Law Department of the University. They have a bright future before them and bid fair to be numbered among the greatest lawyers of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

### Held a Clinic.

Dr. W. B. McClure, of Lexington, Ky., came to Louisa Saturday last for a short visit to his relatives. On Sunday, assisted by Drs. York, Burgess and Wroten, he successfully operated for the removal of adenoids from the young daughter of Dr. T. D. Burgess, the daughter of Mr. Marra, of the freight depot, and Morton, the young son of S. M. Freese, of Canale City.

### Let Us Hope Not.

According to a newspaper published not a million miles from this place "Our State's illiteracy status is to be elevated by the establishment of county high schools."

If the work of the county high schools is to elevate the State's illiteracy status they would better be not established.

### Butler-Poole.

Miss Mabel Butler and Mr. Robert Poole, two of Williamson's best liked young people, were married in the parlor of the Vestura Hotel, at Ashland, Wednesday.

Mrs. Poole is one of the teachers in the local school and during her residence here has won the affection of our people. She possesses many charms and accomplishments. Mr. Poole is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Poole and an enterprising young business man, well liked and highly respected for his many excellent qualities.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Poole left for the east on a wedding trip. They will spend several weeks at Ocean View, Va. They passed through Williamson on No. 16 Wednesday evening and were greeted at the station by many of their friends.

Mr. Poole is one of our best known young men, and is bookkeeper for the Levine Department store.—Williamson papers.

The marriage is one of much interest to Louisa people from the fact that the bride was nearly all her life a resident of this city. She taught in the public schools and was a capable and popular instructor. She was an amiable and attractive girl, and her Louisa friends wish for her a full measure of health and happiness.

### Make Due Allowance.

Crum, W. Va., June 14.—Fear of smallpox epidemic is growing here today, as the result of the escape of a number of negro patients from a smallpox camp car, which was attacked by a gang from the Kentucky side of Tug river. The car was riddled with bullets, two of the occupants killed and some wounded.

A report that the quarantined car was to be moved into Kentucky caused the attack.

The above has a fishy odor and should be taken with much salt.

## NEW KENTUCKY LAWS

### Became Effective June 14th, and some are Quite Important.

The Governor and other lawyers of the administration are of the opinion that all laws passed by the last Legislature that did not have emergency clauses in them, take effect June 14. The acts of the Legislature have not yet been officially printed and not many officials are posted as to the real import of all the laws.

In the matter of the law providing that the Circuit Judges and not the Justices shall fix the sentences of convicted persons, it has been held by those who have examined it in the Attorney General's office that while it becomes effective June 14, that it cannot apply to persons indicted for crimes that were committed before the law goes into effect, and only applies to crimes that are committed after that date.

This reasoning will also govern all other laws that have penalties attached to their violation.

### Lawrence McClure A Wonder.

The following is taken from the Base Ball Guide:

Undoubtedly the most remarkable record of the 1909 season among college pitchers, is that of McClure, of Amherst On Saturday, April 1st, he pitched a no hit game against Annapolis, winning 4 to 0; on Wednesday, May 19, he held Yale down to 1 hit, winning 4 to 0; on Wednesday, May 26, he duplicated his no hit performance against Williams, the final score being 2 to 0. On Saturday, June 5, he added West Point to his list of no hit games, Amherst winning 3 to 0.

Mrs. Jennie Saulsberry died at the residence of her son-in-law, Henry Caines, at Potter station Tuesday night of the infirmities incident to old age. She was the widow of Robert Saulsberry, who died about six years ago. Interment Thursday at Potter station.

### His Rise Was Rapid.

The following sketch of Major John C. Oakes, United States Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the works and improvements on the tributaries of the Ohio River. His promotion came yesterday morning, up to when he was Chief of Engineers, United States Army, to succeed Colonel Marshall, who retired. Colonel Sixby was stationed in this city for quite a while some years ago and had charge of the works and improvements on the Ohio and its branches.

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Major Oakes arrived in this city on March 3 last from Galveston, Texas, where he had been stationed for some time. He is probably the youngest Major in the service. He was born in New York City in 1871. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science in the College of the City of New York in 1891; the degree of Ph. D., Science of Mines, was conferred at the Columbia University in 1893, and was graduated from the United States States Military Academy at West Point in 1897. He was assigned to the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, as additional Second Lieutenant; was made Second Lieutenant in 1897; promoted to First Lieutenant in 1898 and Captain in 1904, and made Captain of the general staff in 1908, when he was placed in charge of the construction of fortifications at Ft. Caswell, N. C.; from August, 1899, to June 1901, he was in the Philippine Islands and was Chief Engineer, Department of Southern Luzon, constructing roads, boats, various kinds of bridges, &c. In 1906 he was Secretary of the Construction Board of Engineers for the Panama Canal. He has been instructor in the military academy and in the school of application at Willett's Point, N. Y. He has done considerable other work for the War Department.

### Corkscrew Clothes and a Corset.

Pikeville, Ky., June 9.—Word has just been received here, by the Coroner being notified, of a mysterious find in a small cave on Pompey Creek just above "The Forks," yesterday evening. Workmen who were excavating for stone for the foundation of a school building found the skeletons of a man and a woman. The skeletons were well preserved, and the woman had on a corset that had been pierced by two bullets; also wore a hat. The man was dressed in a nice suit of corkscrew clothes. The Coroner and other authorities will go to the scene today to investigate.—Pikeville cor. Ashland Independent.

The correspondent explains it upon the theory that it was a case of "double suicide" committed years ago by "someone" passing through.

### An Expert Watchmaker.

Mr. R. E. Rollings arrived in Louisa a few days ago from Yazoo City, Miss., to take charge of the repair work at Conley's store. He is an expert watchmaker and fine engraver, and has the finest equipment of tools ever brought to Louisa. He has had much experience in the inspection and repair of railroad watches, which requires the best skill of the trade. There is nothing in the line of repair work that he can not do in a first class manner. If you have a good watch and want it properly handled and accurately timed, bring or send to Conley's Store, Louisa, Ky.

### Will Be Greatly Improved.

The appearance of the M. E. church South, will be greatly improved by the contemplated changes. The yard will be filled and sodded and a concrete walk will be laid from the pavement to the Main Cross street door. The present fence will be taken away and will not be replaced by one of any sort.

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